

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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HOLDINGS OF THE
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State House Bill No. 613 of the Regular Session, Fifty-seventh Legislature, requiring newspaper publication of the proposed issuance or modification of rules, regulations and orders promulgated by the Railroad Commission.

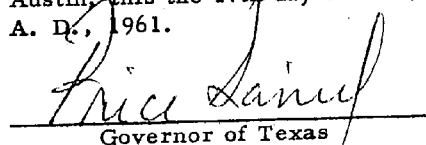
My principal objection to this bill relates to its all-inclusive nature. This procedure may be very justified in some cases but to apply it to all Railroad Commission actions relating to oil and gas would result in a great cost and the possibility of delay and indefiniteness of Commission action on matters of urgency.

As an indication of the magnitude of this problem, the Oil and Gas Division of the Commission holds from 4,000 to 5,000 hearings annually. In addition to these formal hearings, the Commission acts administratively on many more thousands of individual questions that are individual in nature but affect an entire field. All of these activities could become subject to harassing attacks merely to delay action of the Commission.


If the purpose of House Bill No. 613 was to give notice only in matters pertaining to the adoption or amendment of field rules for an individual field, a bill drawn to spell out that limitation would certainly not be objectionable. Unfortunately the apparent unlimited effect of notice required by this bill would cause a great deal of confusion in oil and gas conservation activities.

House Bill Number 613 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislature, and in accordance with the Constitution, the bill, together with this Proclamation, is being filed with the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have hereunto signed my name
officially and caused the Seal
of State to be affixed hereto at
Austin, this the 17th day of June,
A. D., 1961.


Governor of Texas

By the Governor:


Secretary of State